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Blood drive set

An American Red Cross Blood Drive is set for 2-8 p.m., today at Eifler Gym. Drink extra water starting the day before the drive and eat a small low-fat meal or snack two to four hours before donating.

You may also donate at the Red Cross Center near Donovan Dodge on Mondays and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 458-4858.

Central registration closed

The Child and Youth Services Central Registration Office will be closed all day on Friday, Dec. 7 and 14. The office will be reviewing and updating all children's health assessments, immunizations, social security numbers and family care plans.

For more information, call Marty Johnston at 533-0738.

Fort retirement ceremony

November's Installation Retirement Ceremony will be at 3 p.m., Friday at Chaffee Parade Field.

Troops to Teachers needed

Military veterans have established a solid reputation as excellent teachers and exemplary role models for today's students.

If you're interested in becoming a teacher and need information about certification and finding a teaching position, contact the Arizona Troops to Teachers office at 1-800-830-2134.

MAC luncheon set

The Military Affairs Committee will host its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, at the LakeSide Activity Centre. Bud Strom, of the Cowboy Poets, is the guest speaker.

Attendees are invited to support the holiday food drive. Non-perishable food or monetary donations will be accepted at the luncheon.

Cost of the buffet lunch is \$8.50. For reservations call the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce at 458-6940.

Holiday lighting celebration

The annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony and Concert, under the theme "Celebrate Hope" and hosted by the Installation Staff Chaplain's Office, is scheduled for Dec. 6 at the Main Post Chapel.

The tree and menorah lighting will be conducted on the front lawn at 6 p.m., and the 36th U.S. Army Band will conduct their Holiday Concert in the Chapel Sanctuary from 6:30 to 7:15p.m.

For information, call Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Willard M. Richardson at 533-9507 or Jo Moore at 533-4748.

Green to Gold briefing

Interested in becoming an officer? Attend the next "Green to Gold" Briefing on Dec. 7, 11 a.m.-noon at the Post Education Center (Building 52104).

Tax Center opens Jan. 7

The Judge Advocate General office will begin manning and operating the Fort Huachuca Tax Center from Jan. 7, 2002 through April 15, 2002.

The hours of operation will be Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and will be located at the rear entrance of Building 21115, the Public Affairs Office. The services provided by the Tax Center will be available to all personnel with valid military ID cards.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert

Sgt. Angel Santana from Company C, 86th Signal Battalion, receives a warm welcome from his wife, Jody Santana, at Libby Amy Airfield Nov. 15. Santana was one of about 140 soldiers from the 11th Signal Brigade who deployed in early September for the Bright Star exercise in Egypt.

Welcome home Task Force Thunderbird soldiers return from Bright Star

By Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert
11th Sig. Bde. PAO

The final Task Force Thunderbird soldiers who left in September for the Bright Star exercise in Egypt returned home Nov. 22 to a crowd of family members and fellow soldiers.

About 20 soldiers returned to the post on this trip. The main body, consisting of more than 140 soldiers, returned Nov. 15.

As the plane landed and the soldiers walked across the tarmac, spouses cried and children smiled and moved around trying to get a view of mom or dad.

Martha Contreras, spouse of Spc. Michael Contreras from the 269th Signal Company, 504th Signal Battalion, wiped tears from her eyes as she watched soldiers pass by. Her husband was one of the soldiers driving the vehicles off the plane and was the last soldier to arrive at the welcome home gathering.

The waiting was filled with anxiety, but she said it was worth it when he finally got to her and they hugged.

For Joyce Campbell, spouse of Spc. Thor Campbell from the 269th

Sig. Co., 504th Sig. Bn., hugging her husband eased the hardship of the past few months.

"It makes it seem like it went by faster than I thought it would," she said.

About 160 soldiers from the 11th Signal Brigade at Fort Huachuca deployed in early September to join more than 10,000 other U.S. service members and more than 47,000 other military personnel from eight other nations for Bright Star, the world's largest coalition forces exercise.

While the soldiers are glad to be back, they said the exercise was a good training event and experience.

"I would say it's some of the best training I've seen in ten years," said Lt. Col. Damian Heaney, commander of the Bright Star task force and the 40th Signal Battalion.

Along with the training, the experience of this type of exercise provides soldiers with a better understanding of the world, Campbell said. Comparing the U.S. Army and American culture with other people, their way of life and military is eye opening.

Army partnership creates reenlistment incentives

By Master Sgt. F. Jack Dona
Fundamental Course Division Chief

An instructor here has taken the initiative to partner with the private sector to develop a unique reenlistment incentive for soldiers with high-demand skills in the business world.

Master Sgt. F. Jack Dona, chief instructor for the Sun Computer Training Course at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Sun Microsystems executive, Dr. Thomas Arkwright, designed the Sun Microsystems Army System Administrator Fellows/Internship Program.

Now in its third iteration, this program is a soldier incentive and reenlistment option, which has been successful in retaining five soldiers in two years.

The USAIC trains new soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines in the maintenance of Sun Microsystems UNIX computer equipment and networks used in military intelligence sites worldwide.

Annually, the Army trains about 320 stu-

dents in these skills. Upon graduation from the course, these students are sent out to perform system administrator and network engineer duties around the world.

The technical expertise required of instructors teaching system administration and network engineering on UNIX computer systems has made them very lucrative recruits for numerous civilian corporations such as Sun Microsystems, IBM, Polaris, Hewlett/Packard and others.

Col. Steven J. Boltz, Director of the Continuous Learning Directorate for Validation, Accreditation, and Attendance, initially approved the program in July 1999.

In October 2001, the fellows program of course work will be formalized to a recognized activity of the

Department of the Army via a memorandum of agreement between the USAIC and Sun Microsystems.

This process is under the oversight of the Functional Courses Division of the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade.

Sun's internship is exciting, first rate and extremely challenging. In addition to the clear, measurable impact on retention, returning fellows have demonstrated through their performance major technical growth.

Master Sgt. F. Jack Dona

Under the program, outstanding system administrators from the USAIC are accepted by Sun Microsystems to do internships with Sun at Menlo Park, Calif. Sun Microsystems tailors each fellow's internship so that the soldier is exposed to a mix of current and future system administration practices.

Two examples of topics covered in the current course are advanced security practices, and advanced interoperability mechanisms for PCs and UNIX systems.

A typical internship lasts six months, however, a fellow's time in residence is driven primarily by the content of the fellow's work plan and the training needs of the Army.

Upon completion of the training program, fellows are assigned to Fort Huachuca to serve as course instructor for 24 months. Fellows integrate the latest tools and techniques into future training.

Their efforts, leveraged from the training received at the fellows program, keep good soldiers in the service and ensures newly trained soldiers receive the most current technology.

Executives at Sun Microsystems enthusiastically support this partnership. "As Americans, we owe it to the soldiers to train and equip them with all the latest UNIX technology, said Robbie Turner, Vice President for Volume Sys-

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Photo by Stan Williamson

Celebrating families

Helping to celebrate Military Family Week, Airman Justin Thume from Auburn, Wash. and a member of the U.S. Air Force 314th Training Squadron here, accepts a piece of cake from Magali Torres, an educational specialist with the Army Community Service's Family Advocacy's Program Nov. 21. ACS sponsored an Open House with "Coffee and Cake" for visitors during Military Family Week activities.

Lifelong Learning

College offers aviation class in SV

Cochise College release

The aviation department of Cochise College is offering a class on the Sierra Vista campus during the spring 2002 semester. The course is designed to meet the needs of several Cochise County aviation interest groups.

Introduction to Aviation (PFT 100) is ideal for individuals who think they might consider flight training in the future or for those who are in the training process. Students who complete the course will be prepared to take the FAA private pilot knowledge test, a first step in the private pilot process. The exam is not a required part of the course.

Those interested in "what goes on" in flying an airplane can also take the course. They will become familiar with aerodynamics (What makes it fly?), weather (What ARE they saying on those weather programs?), FAA regulations (What are the aviation "rules-of-the-road?"), and aviation operations (How DO we get from here to there?).

In addition, the course will provide up-to-date information for those who already have a pilot certificate. It can prepare those who currently fly for the oral portion of an FAA "biennial" flight review or give those who are not

currently flying the information they need to resume flight activity.

The three-credit course will meet from 6-9 p.m. each Monday on the Sierra Vista campus. Tuition costs \$93 (\$45 for Golden Apaches). The registration fee is \$20, and students will need to purchase text materials. The course may be taken for graded credit, pass-fail credit, or audit (no credit or grade).

Register early to insure space and materials availability. Registration lasts until Dec. 18 and resumes Jan. 7-12. Advised students may register online at <http://xwing.cochise.cc.az.us/online-campus>. Call 515-5415 to register.

For further information about the class, call the aviation department at 417-4114 or Alan Davis at 417-4102. Or, send e-mail to aviation@cochise.cc.az.us.

The aviation department also may offer a general aviation instrument rating ground school, if sufficient interest exists for that course. Students would need either a private pilot certificate or proof that they passed the private pilot knowledge test.

Anyone interested in an instrument rating ground school is encouraged to contact the aviation department.

Irish literature class explores cultural influences

Cochise College release

In response to community interest, Cochise College will offer a class in Irish literature during the spring 2002 semester.

Students enrolled in ENG 260 will explore selected traditional, modern and contemporary Irish literary works including Celtic folklore (in translation) and oral traditions, famine-era writings, works from the Irish Literary Renaissance, and modern political novellas, plays and short stories.

The class will emphasize the cultural and historical influences of the Irish literary tradition. Various modern Irish films also will be studied.

The class will be led by English Department

Head Mary Weaver, who has lived and traveled extensively in Europe. She also teaches Shakespeare, British literature, humanities, honors and composition courses.

Irish Literature meets from 12:15-1:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in Room 708 on the Sierra Vista campus.

The course satisfies the humanities and the intensive writing/critical inquiry requirement for associate's degrees and transfers to Arizona's public universities. Students not pursuing degrees are encouraged to enroll.

Register early to ensure space availability. Registration is going on now. Call 515-0500. Classes begin Jan. 14.

JAG reminds employees to plan an 'ethical' holiday celebration

JAG release

We are approaching that time of the year when Fort Huachuca soldiers and employees plan and prepare their holiday season office celebrations. It's a time when groups of employees get together to enjoy camaraderie and teamwork, which might involve songs, games, sharing a meal, pictures, and a good time.

Such celebrations raise ethics and related type of issues — there are some absolute rules . . . but, in many cases, the issues involve the application of "Judgment!"

Before we actually get to the issues, each of us should be sensitive to the fact that not all of us celebrate the same holidays. What we call the celebration, how we refer to the season, and our greetings to one another should take this fact into account.

Unless we know for sure whether and what holidays our colleagues celebrate, we should consider being more generic in our references.

Government time

The first, and perhaps most obvious issue, is whether we can partake in this employee celebration on government time? Yes, but only up to a point.

The issues usually don't arise with the time taken for the actual event — perhaps a "pot luck" in the office, or a more formal luncheon event at a restaurant. The issue usually comes about with the preparations. The key to resolving these issues is "Judgment!"

Certainly, supervisors, directors and commanders can permit us to use some duty time for the preparations... some things must of necessity be done during the duty day. However, preparing the holiday celebration should not become a significant part of any employee's duties. Examples:

— It would be wrong to have a committee of five employees spend two duty days visiting potential restaurants to explore facilities and menus, followed by another two days worth of time to inform the group, obtain votes, and develop consensus, followed by another trip to make final arrangements.

On the other hand a few short telephone calls during the day requesting faxes from some restaurants, a couple of short planning discussions in the office, and visiting one or two during lunch, maybe even a "long" lunch with supervisory approval, would be permissible. Judgment!

— It would be wrong for the decorations and games committee to spend a duty day visiting party shops to get ideas, followed by another workday of organizing the games and making the decorations.

However, a brief planning session on government time, followed by a few short telephone calls to party shops, with visits and purchases made after duty hours, assignment of responsibilities and delivery of purchased items to volunteers during the duty day, with the decorations made during lunch periods or after the duty day, would be permissible. Judgment!

Fundraising

Another issue is fundraising. Let's look at a fictional organization called the Technical Directorate. The TD employees want to have this wonderful celebration of their working relationship and teamwork during this holiday season at an upscale restaurant. The cost will be \$50 a piece! A lot of money, but the employees decide that they will try to raise money to pare down the cost. Can they?

The general rule is no fundraising. But, there are exceptions and, in this type of situation, the TD employees may do so. But, there are limits. A couple of common mistakes are as follows:

— It is wrong to solicit outside sources (local restaurants, car dealerships, department stores, professional associations, contractors, and other businesses) for donations, to include door prizes, for the function. Even in a situation where the "gift" might fit one of the gift exceptions, that exception cannot be used if the gift was solicited in the first place.

— It is wrong to raise money by running a raffle. The DoD Joint Ethics Regulation permits an organization of employees to raise money among their own members for benefit of their own

members when approved by the head of that organization after consultation with the Ethics Counselor.

Therefore, the TD employees could run a bake sale (or some other event like a silent auction) in their organization's building to raise money to reduce the cost of tickets for the employee celebration. They can even solicit from other employees in the TD command structure.

However, the director/commander needs to approve the plan after consultation with the Ethics Counselor. Here is what the Ethics Counselor will advise:

— Keep it low key. This fund-raiser should not begin to look like the sole occupation of the TD employees in the week leading up to the event, and the day of the sale. Do not use official government e-mail to announce the bake sale (e.g., do not send an e-mail to all addressees on the Fort Huachuca Global Address List, which includes virtually the entire Fort Huachuca working population, as well as personnel at other installations).

— Use minimal government time. No duty time should be used to bake or purchase cakes, cookies, etc. However, some minimal time during the day could be used to plan and decide who would bring what.

The employees actually conducting the sale should do so primarily on their personal time, although the director might also permit the use of a minimal amount of duty time. This effort should not become a significant part of anyone's duties. Judgment!

— It would be permissible for an employee to use the government computer and printer to print a few flyers to post on the elevator, the hall bulletin boards, or to use office "butcher paper" to announce the sale, and borrow the office easel to post the "butcher paper" announcement at the entrance to the building. (However, this should be first coordinated with the building management). It would not be permissible to order placards and other announcements of the event from the audio-visual office. Use of government resources requires judgment!

— Do not solicit outside sources (such as employees of support contractors) to contribute baked goods.

— Contractor employees, cafeteria workers and other visitors to the building who become aware of the bake sale may purchase items. The important thing is that we do not personally solicit them, or engage in other solicitation that targets them.

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Road construction affects Commissary/PX, Greely Hall traffic

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

Arizona Avenue will be closed to all traffic from the intersection of Arizona and Hatfield to approximately the center rear of the Main Post Exchange building, starting Dec. 3 and expected to end on Dec. 21. A major road repair involving the removal and replacement of the current roadbed will be initiated by the Directorate of Installation Support.

“As everyone on post is aware, the roadway behind the Post Exchange up to the Hatfield and Arizona intersection is in dire need of repair,” said Eric Gabel, a quality assurance specialist with DIS.

The people who will be affected the most during this period will be commissary shoppers. Traffic will be rerouted to permit entry to the commissary parking lot. Currently the plan calls for the parking lot exit onto Hatfield to be opened to eastbound traffic coming from the Arizona/Hatfield traffic light to turn right into the commissary parking lot. The entrance now used (off Arizona) will be closed.

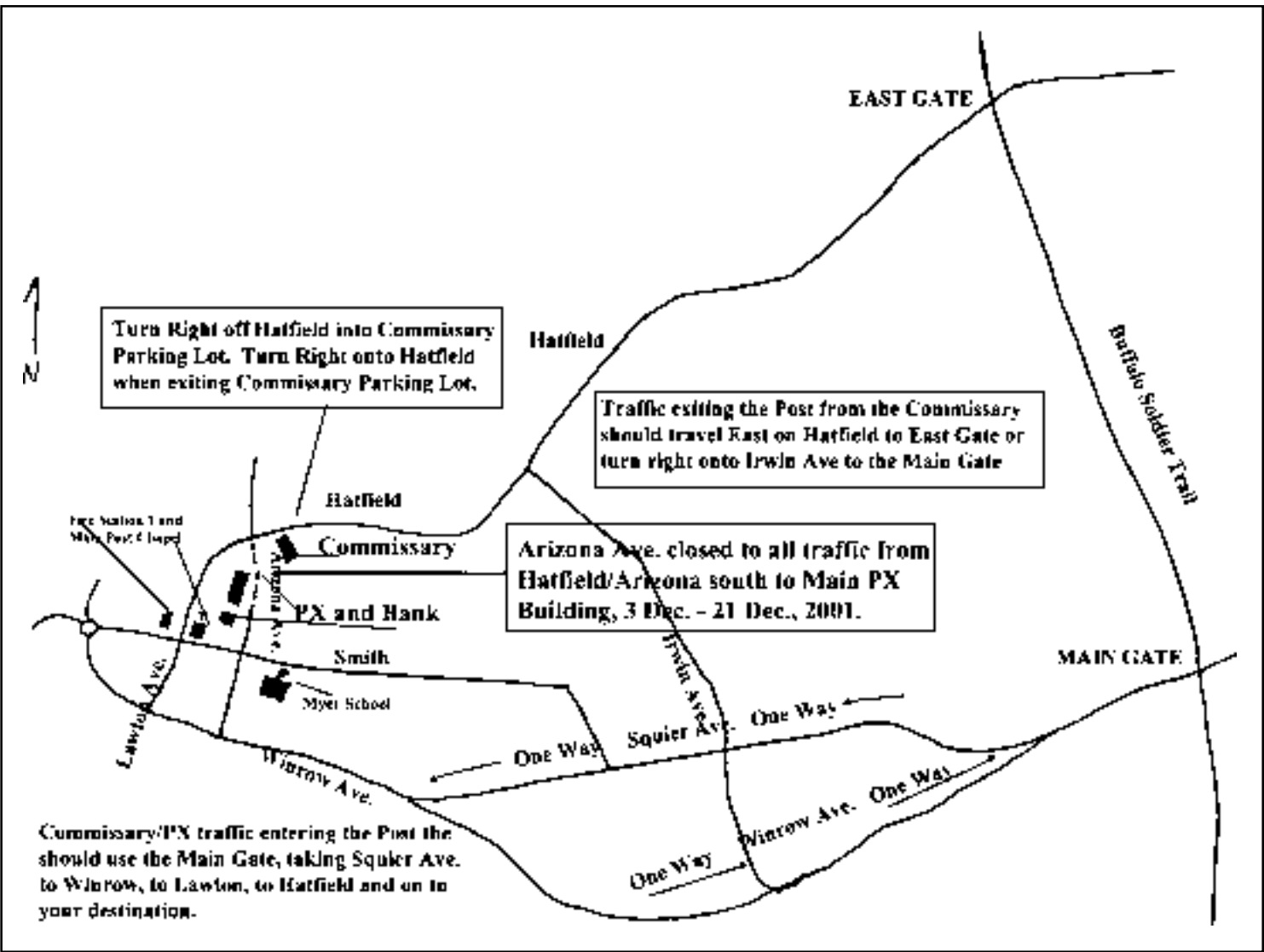
A second entrance off Burns, on the west side of the commissary which is now closed to traffic, will be opened for traffic to enter and exit the parking lot.

The speed limit on Hatfield from Arizona to east of Burns will be temporarily reduced from 35 mph to 25 mph and strictly enforced.

The recommended route for drivers going to Greely Hall or the commissary is to enter the post through the Main Gate and travel to Winrow, to Lawton, to Hatfield and on to their destination.

Construction will affect commercial traffic as well and motorists should be alert of delivery vehicles servicing both the Post Exchange and the commissary. Many delivery vehicles will be directed from Hatfield through the parking lot behind the Desert Lanes Bowling Center and the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Craft Shop. Some parking in that lot will be restricted to accommodate the larger delivery vehicles.

Motorists are reminded to obey all traffic control devices



and signs, to allow more time for travel and to slow down for the safety of the workers and other vehicles in the construction zone. Those motorists choosing to enter the commissary parking lot through the housing area are reminded that the speed

limit in these areas is 20 mph and will be strictly enforced. More information may be obtained by calling the Contract Management Division of the Directorate of Installation Support at 533-1443.

MP, K9 assist Secret Service with presidential detail at Camp David

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart
Scout Staff

Military police officer Sgt. Travis Butzen and his canine partner Wendy spent a week at Camp David assigned to the Secret Service as part of a counter surveillance unit from Oct. 28 - Nov. 5.

Their mission was to protect and defend the president and vice president of the United States.

Butzen, who is part of the 18th Military Police Detachment, said they inspected approximately 200 vehicles for explosives that were trying to gain access to the camp.

“That was the first time I ever worked with the Secret Service. I felt really honored,” he said. The team also worked with two Explosive Ordnance Disposal soldiers from Fort Campbell, Ky.

Butzen said Wendy is a six-year-old Belgian Malinois. He said handlers and dogs undergo training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Butzen, who has been Wendy’s handler for the past six months, said it can take a dog anywhere from 80 days to six months to be trained as an explosive detector. He said handlers undergo six weeks of patrol training and five weeks of explosive detection.

He also said that after a handler leaves, it usually only takes two to three days for a dog to form a bond with a new handler because the



Photo by Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart

Sgt. Travis Butzen and Wendy spent a week at Camp David assigned to the Secret Service.

dogs stay in the kennels for 30 days. He said during that time dogs purposely are not interacted.

“By the time a new handler arrives, they are just happy to get out and play, so forming a new bond doesn’t take too long,” he said. Butzen has been a dog handler for two years.

provided a fake address to the Military Police. After numerous attempts to contact him, the court issued a warrant for his arrest.

The other civilian failed to appear for an initial appearance hearing. The Magistrate issued a bench warrant for his arrest. After both civilians were apprehended, they spent several days in jail before they were released.

In November, the first plead guilty to a federal misdemeanor for assaulting his ex-wife, a military service member. The second plead guilty to a federal misdemeanor for possession of a controlled substance. Both were sentenced to time served, fined, and given two years of supervised probation.

Many soldiers and civilians fail to recognize the importance of the traffic tickets that the Military Police issue to them. These tickets are not something that can be ignored or dealt with at the person’s convenience.

They are issued under Fort Huachuca’s authority as an exclusive federal jurisdiction and have the same effect as any ticket issued by a police officer off-post.

Soldiers or civilians who cannot attend their scheduled meeting with the SAUSA must call the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Additionally, pursuant to Fort Huachuca Regulation, persons who receive a DD Form 1805 citation and fail to pay designated fines or appear in court will have their post driving privileges suspended until they resolve the matter.

For more information, call Mick Douthit at 533-5313.

Operation Clean Sweep begins next week

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

Starting Monday, units and activities assigned to the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca will conduct their semi-annual Operation Clean Sweep.

Each organization is assigned an area within the cantonment area and the outer range areas to perform beautification projects “to enhance the outward appearance of the installation and Army Family Housing areas.

The major units with assigned responsibilities are the US Army Signal Command, 11th Signal Brigade, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, 112th Military Intelligence Brigade, Headquarters, USAG, Information Systems Engineering Command, Intelligence Electronic Warfare Test Directorate, Test and Experimentation Command, Joint Interoperability Test Command, Medical Department Activity (MEDDAC), US Army Dental Activity (DENTAC), US Army Electronic Proving Ground, Noncommissioned Officer Academy and Post Police Detail.

Detailed instructions for Operation Clean Sweep can be found OPLAN 01-

07-002 in the Public Folders under Installation G3 Operations.

Motorists are reminded to use extra care during Operation Clean Sweep (Dec. 3-7) as soldiers and civilian employees will be working in areas not normally used or occupied on a daily basis.

The OPLAN outlines the minimum standards for the cleanup effort. These include:

1. Police all refuse within at least 100 feet of roads and trails in assigned areas.
2. Remove tactical wire (barbed/concertina) and old communication wires.
3. Cut grass in all assigned areas.
4. Cut and trim weeds in areas.
5. Police all roads and sidewalks.
6. Remove all trash, debris, downed trees limbs, and logs.
7. Police unit areas and motor pools to remove all trash, debris, lumber, pallets, downed tree limbs, logs and items that have accumulated since the last cleanup.
8. Beautify areas as needed.
9. Repair or straighten all damaged signs.
10. Remove all unauthorized signs, posters, and objects from unit area roads, utility poles, guardrails and housing areas.

Training for tax form preparers starts Dec. 10

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

Preparations for the opening of the Fort Huachuca Tax Center are under way. All Unit Tax Advisors and volunteers must attend a training program at the Murr Community Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Dec. 10-14.

Gail Williamson, an IRS certified instructor from H&R Block will teach the UTAs the basics of the federal tax code with emphasis on completing the correct tax return forms for each taxpayer. Her classes will take place from Monday through noon Thursday.

Then the scene will shift to Classroom XXI in Ice Hall at the Noncommissioned Officer’s Academy for a day and half training on computers and tax related software programs.

Units are responsible for registering their individual representatives by close of business Tuesday. Volunteers interested in assisting at

the Tax Center should contact 1st Lt. Christian Deichert or Sgt. Paula Bluster at 533-2009 prior to the start of classes on Dec. 10.

The JAG office will open the Fort Huachuca Tax Center on Jan. 7. The Tax Center will remain open through April 15, 2002, the final date for filing your 2001 Personal Income Return to the Internal Revenue Service.

The Tax Center is located at the rear entrance of Building 21115, the Public Affairs Office. Parking is available off Christi Avenue only. The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Additionally, the Tax Center will be open 9 a.m.-noon on four Saturdays during the filing season: Feb. 9, Mar. 2, Mar. 23, and Apr. 13.

Services provided by the Tax Center are available to all personnel with valid military ID cards.

Beware of infected holiday e-mails says DOIM

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

With the holiday season now under way, the possibility of holiday-related computer viruses and worms increases.

In a recent message, Thomas R Whipp, Directorate of Information Management, Installation Information Assurance Manager warns, “Last holiday season there were numerous viruses, worms and Trojans distributed by e-mail.

“These viruses were sent as attachments disguised as Electronic cards, invitations, jokes and stories. Virus authors are relying on the users to open these e-mails and execute the attachments.”

Whipp says there have been no reported incidents of this type so far over the local LAN system, but the risk is there. “Last year the

Navidad virus was propagated this way,” he said.

However, over one of the worldwide systems, he reports that 29 instances of W32.Aliz (also known as Win32/Aliz) worm virus and 19 instances of the W32.Badtrans.B@mm, also known as Win32.Badtrans.29020 and W32/Badtrans@MM) worm virus were found in transmissions from on and outside of Fort Huachuca.

“Some of these originated from home PCs,” he said.

Whipp said, “all users are reminded to keep their Anti-Virus programs up to date, and to be suspicious of all e-mail attachments, as well as visiting links contained in e-mails.”

If a suspicious e-mail arrives contact Whipp at 538-2112 or by e-mail at whipp@hua.army.mil.

Post units to sponsor military family housing

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

Post officials will soon implement a new unit sponsorship program for military family housing. This new community program is designed to enhance the overall quality of life in the housing areas through direct, brigade-level unit involvement.

“This is a great way of embracing our community and helping families take pride in their neighborhoods,” said Brig. Gen. I James A. Marks, post commander. “We’ve had outstanding support from all commanders and command sergeants major.”

Overall responsibility for implementing the program is the garrison commander, who establishes all policies for operating military family housing. His role will be to provide guidance and direction for the program.

Commanders of major units on post will be assigned specific areas of responsibility. The commanders will in turn appoint area coordinators to support their assigned communities. Further delegation of authority within each housing area will be designed to meet the specific needs of that community.

“We want to make our post housing areas even better places to live. The Fort Huachuca Unit Sponsorship Program is a way to promote a sense of community and cohesion by encouraging family members to get involved in community activities and decisions,” said Col. Michael W. Boardman, garrison commander.

“It is also a means to increase the level of communication between the residents and the installation Housing Office, as well as the command group.”

Commanders of major units that have been assigned sponsorship responsibilities include: 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, 112th Military Intelligence Brigade, 11th Signal Brigade, U.S. Army Garrison, and the Medical Activity Command.

Area coordinators will represent the unit and assist in maintaining a safe, harmonious, and cooperative environment within their assigned area of responsibility. Each area coordinator is expected to serve in that position for at least six months.



The proposed sponsorship areas that units will be responsible for are shaded above. The 11th Signal Brigade will be responsible for Bonnie Blink, Cavalry Park and Signal Village. The U.S. Army Garrison will be responsible for Coronado Village and an area just north of Railroad Avenue. The Medical Activity Command will be responsible for De Anza Village, while the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade will be responsible for Pershing Plaza and Miles Manor just north of MEDDAC area of responsibility. The 112th MI Bde. will be responsible for Gatewood Housing, the darkest shaded area east of Cushing.

While the final “governing design” will rest with the senior commander of the sponsoring units and the needs of the community, area coordinators will basically be responsible for “local” issues.

Coordinators will be surveying the neighborhood area to determine work necessary to achieve cleanliness and attractiveness, resolving complaints or other problems concerning the common welfare of the residents. Unresolved issues may be elevated through the housing chain of command.

Coordinators will also be responsible for familiarizing new family members with regulations and policies governing living in family housing, coordinating neighborhood activities to support esprit-de-corps for all residents, and

representing community and resident interests during post town hall meetings.

Area coordinators may change in time to elected mayors, depending on the wishes of the residents and the sponsoring commander.

While family housing residents are expected to care for government quarters and property as any prudent homeowner would, the unit sponsorship program will take the concept one-step further — developing community neighborhoods.

Family housing residents will be encouraged to actively participate in community events for their neighborhood area.

Activities may include: neighborhood town hall meetings, area cleanliness and beautification projects, block parties, neighborhood

picnics, or whatever the area coordinator and residents decide.

The Fort Huachuca Unit Sponsorship Program will promote a sense of service to the community by creating an environment that encourages a proactive community involvement by all residents. It will be grounded on active participation in community activities and foster improved quality of life.

The program will create and maintain an open channel for informing both the post leadership and other officials of the community of problems and provide the means to expeditiously resolve those problems.

It will be the means for planning, coordinating, and directing actions to realistically meet the needs of the community.

Make duplicate mail box key, avoid replacement fees

Housing release

Did you know that you are authorized to make copies of the key to your cluster box?

Although the Postal Service is unable to make duplicate copies, your local hardware store can make copies of your key for a nominal charge.

The Postal Service encourages you to keep a spare key to avoid the cost they are required to charge you in the event we need to send someone out to replace your lock.

Effective Monday, the charge in Arizona for replacing the lock of a postal owned cluster box due to lost or broken keys will be \$40.

This charge is based solely upon the labor, parts, and transportation costs required to change the lock. This charge only recovers the average cost of such lock replacements and provides no additional revenue above those costs.

In accordance with guidance provided by John Gray, Post Master, family housing residents requiring a replacement key/lock must go directly to the Fort Huachuca Postal Service facility located in the Post Exchange complex.

In order for a key to be replaced, the lock must be changed out. Residents must pay for replacing the lock at the Fort Huachuca Postal Service facility. Acceptable forms of payment include cash, personal check, money order, cashiers check or credit/debit card.

Fort Huachuca family housing residents, with the exception of those receiving direct delivery of mail to their quarters, will continue to acquire and sign for the key to their individual cluster box at the Family Housing Office, Building 41414, at the time quarters are assigned.

Post to study wind power as alternative energy source

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

In an ongoing effort to develop alternative energy sources, officials here are looking at wind and will implement two pilot projects.

The first project is to install a temporary, 132-foot tower to gather wind data, such as wind speed and direction. Working in partnership with the Tucson Electric Power Company, the post’s electric provider, officials will collect wind data to determine the viability of erecting wind turbines at that site as a source of electricity for the post.



The data tower will be installed in December. The tower will be located on the South Range, one mile north of the Tethered Aerostat Radar Site.

In addition, post officials awarded a contract to local business, Castro Electric, to install a small wind turbine on the West Range. The cost of the project is about \$71,000. The ten kilowatt, Bergy wind turbine will be installed at the intersection of Canelo and Blacktower Roads. The 23-foot diameter, three blade turbine will be installed on a 120-foot guyed lattice tower in January. In agreement with TEP, a meter and meter base will be installed on the turbine and connected to the post’s electrical grid to measure the electricity generated.

Wind energy is one of the most environmentally friendly ways to produce electricity. It uses no water, produces no excess heat and has no emissions.

With these pilot projects, officials here will study the potential for wind over the next several years.

Previous studies done from 1995 to 1996 in conjunction with the National Renewable Energy Lab in Golden, Colo., have shown the potential for wind power on Fort Huachuca. These new initiatives not only support the post’s already aggressive energy conservation program, but may also provide a significant cost saving.

Fort Huachuca uses 100 million kilowatt-hours per year with a current annual cost of \$6.65 million, which works out to 6.65 cents per kilowatt-hour. Electricity generated on post, through commercial scale wind turbines will save 1.9 cents per kwh.

Prior to implementing these two pilot projects, archeological surveys were completed, as was consultation with Native American tribes and concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A Record of Environmental Consideration was also completed.

Army brat spreads word about her Indian culture in Powwow dances, speeches

“I come to a powwow to be an Indian, to get a sense of myself. This is part of Indian spirituality, to help each other and to celebrate with each other. When I come to powwows, I gain strength to carry on with my life.” — Rachel Snow, Assiniboin

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Every time Boe Harris- Nakakakena speaks and dances at a school, university, civic meeting, veteran’s organization or Powwow, someone always ask, “Do you still live in a teepee? Do you still hunt for your food?”

Then there’s the comment that makes her laugh: “You don’t look like an Indian.”

Harris genteelly explains that some American Indians have lodges and teepees that they spend time in during the summer months. Otherwise, they live in houses and apartments just like the rest of Americans.

With a chuckle, Harris said she tells them, “This is the year 2001 and we hunt for our food in grocery stores. But some American Indians still hunt - just like a lot of other Americans.”

The head woman dancer at Bolling Air Force Base’s recent two-day Veteran’s Powwow, Boe Harris-Nakakakena (which means ‘rattles with feet’), 55, travels up and down the East Coast telling people about her American Indian heritage and culture. An Army brat, she also takes time during Powwows to tell the audience about her family’s military background.

A member of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa of Turtle Mountain, N.D., Harris lives in Seaford, Del., with her husband, Jeff Harris. She said she has been living her 1970s dream of educating people about American Indian heritage and culture since 1985. She has the time and freedom to do it “because I have a very supportive family.”

Money isn’t a prerequisite for her to speak or dance, or both, at Powwows or other events. “I usually don’t charge for programs because I don’t want money to be an issue or to ever keep



Photo by Rudi Williams

Decked out in her full regalia, Boe Harris-Nakakakena was the head woman dancer at Bolling Air Force Base’s Veterans Powwow. Harris, a member of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa of Turtle Mountain, N.D., travels up and down the East Coast telling people about her American Indian heritage and culture.

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Signal soldier turns to music for healing

By Staff Sgt. Tim Volkert
11th Sig. Bde. PAO

Two days after the official death notification, Sgt. 1st Class Forrest Williams sat down and wrote a song — a tribute to the life of a soldier and a brother.

Williams’ brother, Army Maj. Dwayne Williams, was one of the victims during the terrorist attack at the Pentagon Sept. 11.

After hearing about the attack, Williams, a network engineer for the 504th Signal Battalion, engrossed himself in his job for the first couple of days while he waited for information. On Sept. 13, he learned his brother was officially listed as missing and he headed to the Washington, D.C. area to search for answers. Williams said information seemed to come slowly over the next several days as rescue workers sifted through the debris and others worked to identify those taken to area hospitals. However, on Sept. 21 official word came and the grieving process began.

It was Sept. 23 when Williams sat down and turned to music to help him cope and express himself.

“That was just something I wanted to do to show my sister-

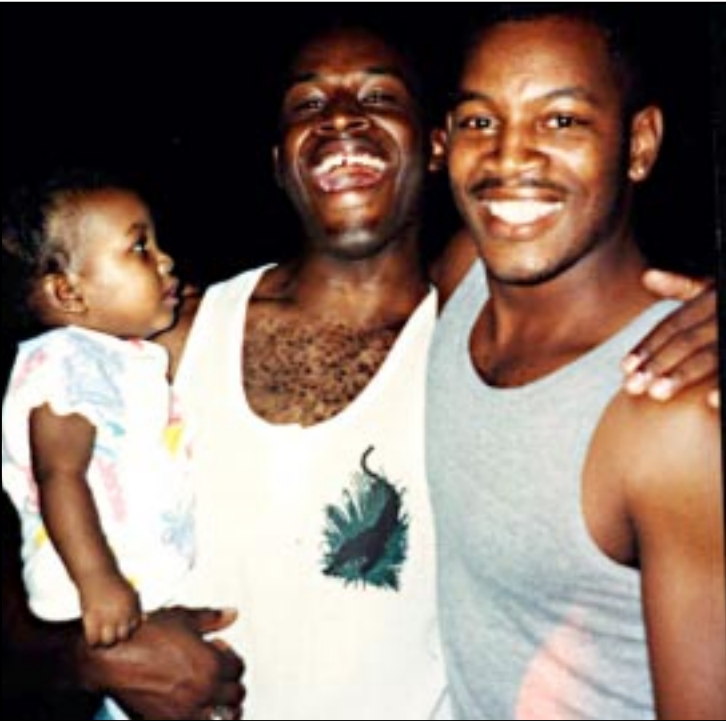


Sgt. 1st Class Forrest Williams



Courtesy photos

During this 1967 photograph, Williams was 4 years old (front) and Dwayne Williams was 6.



(From right) Sgt. 1st Class Forrest Williams poses for a picture with his brother, Dwayne Williams and his daughter, Kelsie Williams in 1987. At that time, Williams was a sergeant and Dwayne Williams was a captain.

in-law and his kids how much I loved my brother,” he said. “We were pretty close.”

Music has always been a part of his family and he said they have always used it as an outlet. However, he said this time it is different because the loss his family suffered seems unjust.

“The way this happened to all the people involved, you just feel cheated. I do anyway. I feel cheated,” Williams said.

Because of those feelings, finding the words to put down on paper was a challenge as he tried to capture his brother’s life.

“It was kind of hard to write. I just looked at his life and our life as a whole,” Williams said. “I wanted to just put all 38 years

that I knew him into a song to show the type of person he was.”

After completing the song, titled “My Brother,” Williams was able to perform it at his brother’s memorial service. He later put the words to music and recorded it on compact disc. He plans to send copies back to his family and local radio stations where they live.

Williams said it makes him feel good to know his music is also helping his family deal with the tragedy.

“There are certain parts of the song that really give us courage to move on,” he said. “That makes me feel real good.”

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Revised NCO evaluation report to hit field in January

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A revised regulation on the Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Report is scheduled to be fielded Jan. 2.

One of the changes will be less time required for complete-the-record reports. Two optional reports are also being added to the regulation: the senior rater option report and 60-day short tour option report.

NCOs in the zone of consideration for promotion, who have been in their current assignment at least 90 days, will be able to get a complete-the-record report for promotion-board members to see. Instead of having to wait six months to submit a complete-the-record report, as required under the current regulation, the allotted time will be cut in half.

The complete-the-record report is only one of the changes that will show up in the new regulation, but it will be one of the most pertinent for NCOs, said Sgt. Maj. Anthony Everette, the chief and policy maker for the Enlisted Evaluations Branch.

“The complete-the-record report is a significant change primarily because the promotion-board meetings are such a prominent event in all of our lives,” Everette said.

Complete-the-record reports are only authorized when an NCO has changed jobs or has been re-assigned, and performance in

that slot has not been rated. The six-month provision was a concern for NCOs because they felt that they were at a disadvantage when the board met, Everette said.

The change, however, will not affect the upcoming master sergeant selection board in February, Everette said. Those reports should have a thru date of Nov. 30, and will fall under the guidance of the previous regulation, he said.

Previously, a change of rater could generate a new report, but not a change of senior rater. A Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Report with just rater input is valid, and is still looked at by promotion board members, but it doesn’t allow the individual to have the benefit of the senior rater comments, Everette said.

On the NCO-ER in Part V, Overall Performance and Potential, the senior rater has to mark a numeral from one to five, with one being the highest, to rate the NCO’s overall performance and overall potential for promotion.

Having senior rater comments on the NCOE-ER are extremely important for some NCOs. Sgt. 1st Class David Cleveland, an operations sergeant at Fort Monroe, Va., said that the senior rater option report is for him the most important change to the regulation.

“A lot of times, due to rotations, we’re not afforded the opportunity to get senior

rater comments, but it’s important that board members see what our potential is ... from a neutral observer,” Cleveland said.

The other optional report to be added to the revised regulation is the 60-day short tour option. It will be granted in instances when NCOs are deployed overseas for 14 months or less, and have more than 59 days but less than 90 days under their current rater. The rater may initiate a 60-day short tour option report.

“This new report will allow NCOs to receive reports highlighting their contributions and accomplishments while on short tours,” Everette said. “Due to a high personnel turnover rate in short tour areas, many NCOs were not receiving reports in the past and they instead accumulated a lot of non-rated time.”

In another change to NCO-ERs, the numerical Army physical fitness test score will no longer be required to justify excellence.

Raters may still include the APFT score on the NCO-ER, but it’s not required, Everette said. Instead the rater may simply put, “Awarded Physical Fitness Badge,” he said.

Under the new regulation, command sergeants major who work for three- or four-star generals will not have to be evaluated.

“Removing the requirement for command sergeants major to be evaluated was done to eliminate an administrative burden at that level,” Everette said. “The NCO-ER

is rarely, if ever, a factor in the selection at that level. They are nominated and hand-picked for assignment.”

The last revision to the NCO-ER under Army regulation 623-205 occurred in April of 1992. This revision rides the heel of the newly implemented NCO-ER, Department of the Army Form 2166-8 and the NCO Counseling and Checklist, DA Form 2166-8-1.

A major change to the NCO-ER is that the values under Part V of the form now reflect the seven Army core values. Both the new NCO-ER and Counseling Checklist are currently available online at <http://www.usapa.army.mil/forms/forms3.html>

The regulation changes are also outlined on the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command Website at <http://www-perscom.army.mil/> under MILPER messages.

“The revised regulation shows a continuous effort to support the advancement of the NCO corps,” Cleveland said. He explained that the new regulation will allow “greater flexibility within the rating scheme.”

Everette encourages all NCOs and raters to become familiar with the changes so that they are applying the most current policies and procedures.

“Not following procedure could impact the soldier’s career and livelihood,” Everette said.

Fellow from Page 1

tem Products at Sun Microsystems.

“Especially in today’s complex climate, we are thrilled that the Army’s returning Sun fellows already have updated the training curriculum of over 600 Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps trainees responsible for serving as system administrators to America’s intelligence systems,” Turner said.

“This program is an outstanding training resource to ensure our instructors receive the latest cutting edge computer system administrator training,” said Francis Smith, Functional Courses Division Chief at the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade.

“The innovative developments implemented by the graduates of the program have significantly improved and further complimented the

national level system administrator courses conducted here at Fort Huachuca.”

Army leaders agree that this program allows them to stay on top of cutting-edge training and keep highly-qualified soldiers in the service.

“The Sun Microsystems Army System Administrator Fellows/Internship Program has helped us keep our twenty-first century ‘digital’ powder dry,” said Col. William H. Phelps, Commander of the 112th Military Intelligence Brigade.

“This program is a first rate example of efficient industry-government collaboration in support of fast moving high tech military occupational specialties which have a direct and positive impact on daily operations. The pro-

gram allows the Department of Defense to leverage technology for the future and ensures the Army keeps great high tech soldiers serving their nation,” Phelps said.

Dona led the first contingent of fellows to Sun Microsystems in July 1999.

“Sun’s internship is exciting, first rate and extremely challenging,” said Dona. “In addition to the clear, measurable impact on retention, returning fellows have demonstrated through their performance major technical growth from constant interactions with Sun’s system administrators and managers.

“In addition, the quality of training, enhanced by the fellow’s improved skills, has vastly improved the quality of maintenance our students have been providing their respective services.

The services ability to maintain and sustain its own high tech automation systems has significantly improved our combat readiness” Dona said.

Soldiers wishing to attend the program of instruction must meet the following criteria;

- 33W MOS;
- have at least ten years active duty;
- be an instructor, writer or training developer;
- have an electronic maintenance background;
- and, strong UNIX and Windows software experience.

For information on how to apply for this program, Master Sgt. F. Jack Dona at donaf@hua.army.mil or 538-8413.

Community Updates

Turn in final donations

The Combined Federal Campaign contributions from last year which totaled \$310,732, have been surpassed; however, the campaign is still \$11,000 shy of meeting its 2001 Fort Huachuca goal of \$340,000.

It's not to late to give and reach out to help those in need. If you made a personal donation or you have collected donations and have turned them in, contact your unit CFC coordinator or call Maj. Terry L. Hurley at 538-6048. Together, we can change tomorrow...today.

Health website offers info

The Hooah4Health.com website has a lot of information for everyone, including activated Reserve Component personnel. Available information includes a deployment guide for families of deploying soldiers; information on known medical threats to soldiers being deployed to Afghanistan; and more.

The website is sponsored by the U.S. Army Office of the Surgeon General, the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, the Army National Guard, and the Office of Chief, Army Reserve.

According to Virginia Stephanakis, Chief, Public Affairs and Marketing, OTSG/USAMEDCOM, the site is managed by AMEDD's Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

No parking on grass

All drivers are reminded that parking on the grass is not allowed on Fort Huachuca. The Military Police will begin enforcing this rule very soon and violators will be issued a Magistrate Court citation. It is recognized that current Force Protection measures do cause some inconvenience, however, there is sufficient parking space available near work areas.

Correction

In last week's issue of *The Fort Huachuca Scout* newspaper the story on Page 1 headlined "FBI arrest 10 fort soldiers" contained an error. The story stated: "Defense attorneys asked for the release with or without bond for seven or eight of the defendants."

According to Capt. Michael Cressler, chief, Military Justice, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, the article should have read "All of the defense counsels argued for release of their clients without bond." *The Scout* regrets the error.

Giving Tree volunteers needed

The Giving Tree is a chapel-based program that provides holiday gifts and clothes to needy military children. Volunteers are needed to sign out ornaments that list the child's toy and clothing request to Santa's helpers.

Volunteers are also needed to man the Giving Tree that will be located at the Main Post Exchange now through Monday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Volunteers to portray Santa will also

be needed on a daily basis from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 458-7664.

FCC applications accepted

Fort Huachuca Family Child Care is now accepting new provider applications. FCC Providers are adult family members that offer childcare in their quarters.

All FCC Providers must be certified by Child and Youth Services. FCC will offer training Jan. 7-18, 2002 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The training is free of charge. Interested family members should contact the program director at 533-2494 or 533-2498.

Range closures

Today	AF, AG, AU, AW, AY, T1, T1A, and T2
Friday	AF, AG, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2
Saturday	AG, T1, T1A, T2
Sunday	AG
Monday	AC, AD, AG, AL, AU, T1, T1A, T2
Tuesday	AC, AD, AG, AL, AU, T1, T1A, T2
Wednesday	AC, AD, AG, AL, AU, T1, T1A, T2
Dec. 6	AF, AG, AL, T1, T1A, T2
Dec. 7	AG, AL, T1, T1A, T2
Dec. 8	AG, T1, T1A, T2
Dec. 9	AG

For questions regarding the closure of ranges please call Range Control at 533-7095.

DOIM classes scheduled

The Directorate of Information Management offers several computer classes in the upcoming weeks, including: Access Intermediate, today; Access Advanced on Friday; Basic Access on Wednesday, Intermediate Access on Dec. 6, and Advanced Access on Dec. 7.

The December classes continue with Word 2000, Dec. 10; Form Flow, Dec. 11; Internet I, Dec. 12; Internet II, Dec. 13; PowerPoint 2000, Dec. 17; Basic Excel 2000, Dec. 20; Intermediate Excel 2000, Dec. 21; Outlook, Dec. 27; and Practical PC, Dec. 31.

All classes start promptly at 9 a.m., and class size is limited to 14 students. It is mandatory to sign up for a class prior to attending. It is beneficial to sign up as early as possible, as classes fill up quickly.

The classroom is located in De Rosy Cabell Hall on Christy Avenue, Building 22324. For more information or to register for a class, call Pfc. Megan Thacher at 533-2868.

RDDI Director retires

The public is invited to attend the retirement ceremony of Col. Charles A. Atkins, director, Requirements, Determination, Development and Integration. The ceremony is set for 10 a.m., Friday at the gazebo on Brown Parade Field.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at Fitch Auditorium in Alvarado Hall. At 11:15 a.m. there will be a no-host Italian buffet at La Hacienda. Cost is \$7.50.

RSVP to Staff Sgt. Melissa O'Brien at 533-2769 or melissa.obrien@hua.army.mil, or Chief Warrant Officer 2 Tamara Blakeley at 533-1153 or tamara.blakeley@hua.army.mil.

Parish coordinator needed

The Installation Staff Chaplain's office announces the availability of a non-personal service contract position. A volunteer parish coordinator for all services performed at all chapels is needed. The contract period is Dec. 15, 2001 through Sept. 30, 2002. Contract award and execution is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

For information on this appropriated fund contract, call Chap. (Maj.) Ira Houck, chaplain resources manager, at 533-4753. Applicants must have two photograph, valid forms of identification to enter the fort during force protection enforcement.

This advertisement of availability is valid from the period of Nov. 8 to Dec. 8. The offer for this contract will close on Dec. 8.

Combat Lifesaver courses set

There have been program changes made to the Combat Lifesaver Course on Fort Huachuca. FH Regulation 40-2 covers training of Combat Lifesavers and tasks authorized to be performed on the installation. The publication can be found on the Fort Huachuca Homepage at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil>.

The schedule for courses for fiscal year 2002 is as follows:

Combat Lifesaver Correspondence Course (for new personnel): Dec. 3-5, 2001; March 4-6, 2002; June 3-5, 2002; and Sept. 9-11, 2002.

Combat Lifesaver Recertification Course (for expired personnel): Dec. 6-7, 2001; March 7-8, 2002; June 6-7, 2002; and Sept. 12-13, 2002.

Combat Lifesaver Refresher Course (for current personnel): Dec. 7, 2001; March 8, 2002; June 7, 2002; and Sept. 13, 2002.

Requests for slots with all documentation required in FH Reg. 40-2 should be sent through battalion and/or brigade S-3 channels to the post G-3 schools NCO. Questions on course content can be directed to Staff Sgt. Jose Lupian or Staff Sgt. Daniel Traver at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center at 533-4758/3727.

ASC G8 closed

The U.S. Army Signal Command Assistant Chief of Staff office, G8, will close at 11 a.m., Dec. 6 for its annual holiday party. The office will be minimally staffed during this time.

Flea market Christmas schedule

The Sierra Vista La Salida del Sol Lions Flea Market will operate its annual Christmas schedule. The flea market will open its gates Dec. 17-Jan. 4. Weekend rates apply. The days of Dec. 17-21, Dec. 24-28 and Dec. 31-Jan. 2 will be at no charge for our clients.

For more information, call Lion Lee Hinzman at 378-1399.

Raytheon to test sensors over fort

Raytheon Company release

The U.S. Navy plans to conduct a series of captive carry flight tests of a Raytheon Company electro-optical sensor system over the Fort Huachuca area Dec. 4, 5 or 6.

During these tests, the EO sensor will obtain images of the area to aid in evaluating the operation of the system. The EO sensor is a harmless device housed in a pod attached to a Navy A-3 aircraft. Similar to a camera, the device creates a digital image of ground objects and the surrounding terrain.

Wednesday marks 7th annual light festival

Cochise College release

Cochise College would like to invite the community to the annual holiday light festival from 6-9:30 p.m., Wednesday. It's the seventh year the event will be held on the Douglas campus.

The theme for this year's festival is Classic Reflections. It features animated holiday displays, thousands of lights and luminaria and festive decorations.

Photographs will be taken with Santa Claus, and Mrs. Claus will read stories to the kids.

Commissary holiday hours

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will have some special hours during the holidays. It will be open Dec. 24 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., closed Dec. 25 and 26. Re-open regular hours on Dec. 27. It will be open Dec. 31 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., closed on Jan. 1 and 2, 2002. Re-open regular hours on Jan. 3, 2002. The Commissary Staff wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday.

MICA seeks volunteers

The Military Intelligence Corps Association gift shop at the MI Museum on Fort Huachuca is in desperate need of volunteers. The shop hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Ride with U.S. Cavalry

Cavalry troopers with the dash, discipline and daring to preserve and promote the traditions of the B Troop 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment are needed. Membership is voluntary and open to male permanent party soldiers, retirees and DoD civilians.

Call Maj. Robert Blanchette at 538-0822 or e-mail blanchetterobert@otc.army.mil. Women may volunteer for the Ladies Auxiliary. Ground School meets at 5 p.m. every Thursday at the Private Stables of Buffalo Corral.

For information, visit <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/BTROOP/BTROOP.HTM>.

Commanders Access Channel

Did you know the Fort Huachuca Commander's Access Channel 97 is on Cox cable channel 97 on your television, whether you live on post or in Sierra Vista?

The CAC is a great way for you to inform the Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista community about what's happening in your organization. It's updated daily with upcoming events and activities that may be of interest to you.

The Public Affairs Office also airs videotapes provided by Soldiers Radio and Television on the CAC as a way of keeping our viewers informed about current events in the Army.

To air an announcement or for more information, call Pat Dillingham at 533-1850.

Foster families needed

Devereux Arizona is a private, non-profit organization funded by the Arizona Department of Economic Security and donations. It is currently seeking qualified, loving families to become foster parents for children.

There is a need for respite providers (short-term foster care overnights, weekends or holidays), family based shelter providers (foster care-overnights up to three months, sometimes longer) and therapeutic providers (long term foster care three months or longer for children with more severe emotional or physical needs or a longer history of abuse or neglect).

For information, call 458-2761. Free local training and 24-hour crisis support is provided.

Pets of the Week



"Jordan" is a beautiful cream/brown/tan female Siamese mix with blue eyes. She is spayed, good with kids, but not good with other cats. Her adoption fee is \$9.00, which includes her vaccinations, a microchip, a feline leukemia test and deworming.



"Shadow" is a 2 year-old spayed female black and white domestic short-haired cat. She is declawed in front, and gets along well with most other cats. Her adoption fee is \$42, which includes vaccinations, a feline leukemia test, a microchip and deworming.

These and several other dogs and cats are available at the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The facility is now open through lunch. For information, call 533-2767.



"Bear" is a young adult male tan/black/brown keeshound mix. He is crate-trained, good with older kids and very cute! His adoption fee is \$32, which includes a neuter, a microchip, all vaccinations, a heartworm test and deworming.



"Athena" is a six month-old female black Labrador retriever. She is good with kids, but definitely would need to go through obedience training. Her adoption fee is \$52, which includes vaccinations, a spay, a microchip, a heartworm test and deworming.

Futures colonel prepares for his next mission — retirement

By *Angela Moncur*
Scout Staff

“I’m gonna fly one of those one day,” Charles Atkins told his grandmother as he stood in the yard watching the white tails of jets flying overhead.

Now a colonel in the U.S. Army and one of the senior Army aviators in the Military Intelligence Corps, Atkins prepares for his retirement ceremony after 34 years of service.

“I took the old Army slogan, “Be all you can be,” to heart,” the Reform, Ala. native said. “The Army provides the foundation for kids to get an education, training and technical skills. The Army helped me realize my dream.”

Atkins was drafted into the Army in 1968 and within five and a half months he was promoted to E-5. His drive to excel earned him a commission from the Officer’s Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. in 1973.

His continued military education, including the U.S. Army Rotary and Fixed Wing Aviator Course, U.S. Army War College and Armed Forces Staff College, has given him a world of experiences to draw on in his current position as Director of Requirements, Determination, Development and Integration. RDDI is a part of the Futures Directorate.

“Colonel Atkins is not one that willingly flies a desk,” said Lt. Col. Brian Lesieur, executive officer, RDDI. “He’s a soldier’s soldier who gets out there and knows the terrain he walks. Keeping up with him is the hard part.”

According to Atkins, it is a different kind of motivation that keeps the soldiers working in Futures charged up about their jobs.

“You don’t see instant gratification,” Atkins said. “These soldiers are working on the vision of MI for the future. They may never see some of the doctrine they’re working on, imple-

mented during their careers.

As the point-man for the Military Intelligence schoolhouse, Atkins has taken the lead in the Army’s transformation of intelligence.

“He has a unique blend of experiences that allow him to sit down and discuss intelligence issues with an infantry soldier all the way up to the highest level leader within the Department of Defense,” Lesieur said. “He is a strong and vocal advocate of intelligence support to the commander. “He has the ability to work in the present and articulate his vision of the future.”

With respect to his immediate future, Atkins has mixed emotions about retiring. “It’s the challenge of doing something new, starting from the beginning,” he said.

Atkins and his wife, Constance, are planning to retire in the Sierra Vista area. The area holds special meaning for the couple who were married in the gazebo on Brown Parade Field in 1988. Atkins’ previous assignment to Fort Huachuca included a stint as commander of B Troop 4th U.S Cavalry Regiment (Memorial).

He has accepted a position with Lockheed Martin and will be working in a contracting position with several of the same programs he is currently involved in. Fellow coworkers also mentioned that Atkins plans to buy a Harley-Davidson motorcycle to commemorate his retirement. Negotiations with his wife are still underway.

Looking back on his military career, Atkins said a highlight of his career was commanding the 15th MI Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas.

“For an officer, having command always holds something special,” he said. “You’re given a lot of flexibility to set the tone and lead by example. The way you act determines if units succeed or fail.”



Courtesy photo

Col. Charles Atkins and his wife, Constance, are planning to retire in the Sierra Vista area.

Atkins advises today’s soldier to envision the future state they want to be in and work with persistence to achieve the successes to make that vision a reality.

“You have to have the ‘sticktoitvity’ to be willing to sacrifice for a higher vision.

“The military is a grand profession,” he said. “I stayed because of what it brought. When time moves fast that says you liked what you were doing.”

Atkins’ retirement ceremony will take place 10 a.m., Friday at the gazebo on Brown Parade Field. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at Fitch Auditorium in Alvarado Hall. At 11:15 a.m. there will be a no-host Italian buffet at La Hacienda. Cost is \$7.50. RSVP to Staff Sgt. Melissa O’Brien at 533-2769 or melissa.obrien@hua.army.mil, or Chief Warrant Officer 2 Tamara Blakeley at 533-1153 or tamara.blakeley@hua.army.mil.

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a school or organization from having me as a speaker to share my culture,” said Harris, whose expertise is in the Dakota, Lakota and Nakota Indian heritage and culture. “Especially the plains Indians. I always emphasize that if you want an Indian program in your area, you should contact a local Indian tribe first. But if you want something on the plains Indians, then I’m more than willing to do a presentation.”

Plains Indians are better known to most Americans because they’re featured more on the silver screen, on television, in books and other media than other Indians. And, because of that, they’re more stereotyped, she noted.

Depending on an audience’s demographics, Harris will show up in her street clothes and then change into her Indian regalia to show that Indians dress the same as other Americans.

“My regalia are part of my tradition, but we only wear it today on special occasions, such as to a Powwow to share our dancing,” she noted.

“It’s really hard, especially for ‘little people,’ to understand that we don’t live in teepees today,” Harris said. “It goes back to the stereotyping. That’s why I think it’s very important for someone from a particular culture to present a presentation about that culture. Or, at least, it should be written by someone from that culture, which has not always been the case.”

But, she said, misconceptions about Indians aren’t limited to children. Harris teaches American Indian heritage and culture at the Elderhostel at the Delaware Technical and Community College in Georgetown, Del. Elderhostel is a nationally based program that’s geared toward those 55 and older.

“People in that age bracket still have the stereotyping image of Indian people,” she said. “A lot of times they’ll say, ‘you don’t look like an Indian,’ or things like that.

“As long as I see stereotyping of Indian people, then I know that as long as I’m on this Earth that’s part of what I need to do,” she said.

In hopes of dispelling misconceptions, Harris tells audiences her tribe used to live in teepees, however all tribes are different with different languages and different ways of living. She then shows a map that depicts the different dwellings of the tribes throughout the United States and Canada.

“I also emphasize that some tribes are extinct and that there are at least 550 federally recognized tribes and a lot of state recognized tribes across the country,” Harris said. “I want people to understand that Indian people are still living as well as participating in their heritage.

“That’s another misconception that I’m seeing - some people don’t realize that there are still Indian tribes in this country,” she noted. “So the stereotyping is a never-ending process.”

Harris fears that because schools are cutting back on having American Indians speak to students in classrooms, the stereotyping will continue. “Even though some of the textbooks have been rewritten, the children are still getting the stereotyping image of, not just Indian people, but all people,” she said.

As thundering drumbeats and vocables echoed throughout the Bolling Community Center, Harris explained that being the lead woman dancer is a position of honor bestowed on someone who is well respected in the community. The lead dancer participates in all the dances, must know protocol, carry themselves in a ‘good way’ and keep harmony.

“We must ensure that women’s image is kept positive, respected and honored,” Harris noted.

“There’s a whole realm of spiritualization in dance,” she said. “Everything is done in the beginning with prayers, from the making of your

regalia to the dance, including praying while you’re dancing. You thank the creator for living another day, for having the resources to put together your regalia.

“Sometimes I visualize my ancestors dancing along side of me, and that’s a very warm feeling,” she noted. “You carry all that you are and the generations that walked before you into the dance circle.

After performing in dances, Harris gave a brief speech to the Powwow audience about her family’s contribution to the defense of the nation. She said her father, Edwin Smith, graduated from Haskell Indian High School in Lawrence, Kan., in 1935, and joined the Army in 1937. He retired from the Army as a master sergeant in 1964 after fighting in World War II and the Korean War.

Her father and mother met at an USO gathering in Washington in 1944 and were married in 1945. She was born in 1946. Both of her parents, who died about eight years ago, are buried at Arlington National Cemetery.



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A common question is whether the employees of the contractors that work at Fort Huachuca may attend our celebratory gathering. Of course they can. However:

— There should be no official encouragement of someone else’s employees to leave their workplace. However, you can let it be known that they may attend and will be a welcome part of the event.

— Whether the contractors’ employees can take the time off to attend, and the nature of the time off (e.g., leave, personal day, administrative absence) are between the contractor and its employees.

When a contractor’s employee is absent, the contractor cannot bill for services not delivered, and may have concerns about such issues as contract schedules, delivery dates, and other matters. Accordingly, it is the contractor that must decide if and under what conditions one or more of its employees may be absent.

— Contractor employees should not be tasked or asked to volunteer to organize the event.

Gifts

A final common issue has to do with gifts. May we exchange gifts among ourselves during the holiday season? Yes! But again, there are limits.

— The highest value of any gift that we can give to a superior in this type of situation is

\$10. And, we may not solicit contributions from other employees.

— We may not accept a gift from anyone who makes less money than we do as a federal employee, unless there is no superior-subordinate relationship, and there is a personal relationship that would justify the gift. Again, the exception would be for a gift where the value does not exceed \$10, with no soliciting of contributions from other employees.

— We may have a gift exchange among employees. If it is an anonymous-type exchange, a reasonable value should be established for the individual gifts. If it is not anonymous, i.e., each employee knows for whom they are buying a gift, a value of not to exceed \$10 is the limit.

In summary, it is permissible for us, as employees, to plan and participate in an event during the holiday season. However, be careful of the pitfalls, some of which are set out above. And, while some limited use of government resources and time is permissible, we must be careful and apply reason, common sense and judgment! Finally, remember that government funds may not be used for decorations, greeting cards, and other elements of our holiday festivities.

If you have any questions, contact one of your Fort Huachuca Ethics Counselors, Tom King at 533-3197, or Greg Lund at 533-5634. In the meantime, have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

U.S. officials give Afghan update

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WASHINGTON — U.S. operations in Afghanistan continued to focus on emerging targets and supporting opposition forces, Pentagon Spokeswoman Victoria Clarke told reporters Wednesday morning.

She said 153 aircraft sorties struck “largely around Kandahar.”

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Joint Chiefs Chairman Air Force Gen. Richard Myers left Washington this morning to visit U.S. Central Command Headquarters in Tampa, Fla. Clarke said Rumsfeld planned to meet with CENTCOM Commander Army Gen. Tommy Franks and also wanted to thank staffers for their diligence in the war on terrorism.

“One of the main reasons the secretary wanted to go is to show his appreciation for the people at CENTCOM headquarters who have been working so hard,” Clarke said. Central Command is responsible for operations in the Middle East and Southwest and Central Asia. This includes all the activity in and around Afghanistan.

The five American service members injured in a friendly- fire incident Nov. 26 during a prison riot near Mazar-e Sharif were evacuated through Uzbekistan and Turkey. All five were en route to Landstuhl Regional

Medical Center in Germany this morning, Army Maj. Jim Cassella, another DoD spokesman, said.

“All five are expected to recover from their injuries and return to duty soon, after appropriate medical treatment,” Casella said.

Clarke said there had been conflicting reports on the service members’ conditions and whereabouts because it is difficult to get concrete, timely information out of the region. It is a fluid situation in an austere environment, she explained.

“There’s a lot going on, and we still don’t have significant numbers of people over there,” she said. “It’s not as though we have operations that have been established for a long time with lots of sophisticated, comprehensive communications.

“I’m sure [the military] are taking good care of these people, and that’s what really matters,” she added.

Humanitarian relief operations continued with more than 19,000 Humanitarian Daily Rations being dropped in the area around Herat, Clarke said. U.S. forces also dropped leaflets near Kandahar, Ghanzi and Kunduz.

More than 600 Marines have so far arrived at a forward operating base 60-70 miles southwest of Kandahar. Clarke explained that number will grow to more than 1,000 over the next day or so.